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Winners of the Florida Wing Cadet Competition

Patrick AFB, FL — The 2005 Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Florida Wing Cadet Competition took place on Saturday, February 26 at Patrick AFB, FL. The Florida Wing Cadet Competition is a CAP annual event in which cadet color guard teams and cadet drill teams compete to represent the Florida Wing at the Southeast Region Cadet Competition. The events consist of many areas of competition, from military drill performances, to athletic challenges, to academic evaluation. This year there were 9 color guard teams, 2 drill teams, and 13 alternates competing.

There are three competitions; the drill team competition, the color guard competition and the alternates competition. The drill team and color guard competitions are composed of seven events each while the alternate's competition is composed of five events. The purpose of the alternate's competition is rank cadets that are competing individually to provide the competition champions with a choice of alternate members for the next level of competition.

The winner of the drill team competition was a team from Florida Group 5. Group 5 encompasses the following counties: Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Collier, Glades, Highlands, DeSoto, Hardee, Sarasota, and Manatee. The cadet members of the Group 5 drill team are: C/Maj Travis Barley, C/2Lt Celeste Brewer, C/CMSgt Joaquin Campa, C/Capt Patrick Gray, C/1Lt Steven Kester, C/Amn Amol Kumar, C/SSgt Tom McMahon, C/SrA Garrett Mendelson, C/CMSgt Kayla Smith, C/SrA Stephanie Spirk, C/Capt Marissa Streifel, C/2Lt Stephen Suggs, and C/2Lt Jacob Suggs. The coach for the team is Capt David Leali.

The winner of the color guard competition was CAP's Tamiami Composite Squadron Color Guard. The first place winner of the alternate's competition was C/MSgt Marcos Puglielli. The cadet members are: C/MSgt Casey Culp, C/CMSgt Angel Delguy, C/CMSgt Cristian Rodriguez, and C/CMSgt Andrew Taujours. The coach for the team is Capt. Alina Garcia-Barbon.

The winning teams will compete at the Civil Air Patrol Southeast Region Competition at Fort Benning, Georgia from 29 April to 1 May.



Group 5 Drill Team: Back Row L-R: C/Kester, C/Capt Gray, C/SSgt McMahon.
Middle Row L-R: C/2Lt Suggs, C/CMSgt Smith, C/Capt Streifel, C/2Lt Suggs, C/Amn Kumar, C/SrA Spirk.
Bottom Row L-R: C/2t Brewer, C/CMSgt Campa, C/SrA Mendolson, C/Maj Barley.



Tamiami Composite Squadron Color Guard: From Left to Right: Col Joseph Martin, C/CMSgt Taujours, C/MSgt Culp, C/CMSgt Rodriguez, C/CMSgt Delguy.

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